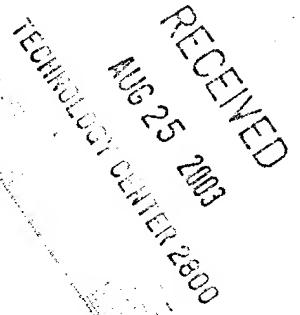


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Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the Final Office Action dated May 16, 2003. The 3-month deadline to file a Request for Continued Examination fell on Saturday, August 16, 2003, and therefore, this Preliminary Amendment and Request for Continued Examination is timely filed on August 18, 2003 – the first business day after the Saturday, Sunday or holiday.

A copy of the claims conforming to Revised Amendment Practice is herein attached (page 11). A marked-up copy of the claims *for the Examiner's immediate reference* follows, with the non-amended claims presented in italics.